# EXHIBIT B



## POLK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

612 North Broadway, Room 302, Crookston, MN 56716-1452 Phone (218) 281-3127 \* Fax (218) 281-3926 Toll Free (877) 281-3127 www.co.polk.mn.us

April 7, 2021

Judy Brown,

Per our conversation with BCBS of MN Blue Plus, as well as the client. AlixaRX has incorrectly billed the client for balance due. The client should only be billed for their co-payment amounts. There is no deductible and the client is not responsible for balance due.

BCBS of MN has advised that they did not receive a claim from AlixaRX or Villa St Vincent for any medications or services rendered in September 2019, specifically 9/3, 9/4 and 9/8.

The client continues to receive bills from AlixaRX for 2 medications given to client while in the facility, that AlixaRX has advised that the claim was denied for.

Initially this bill was sent directly to the facility, The Villa St Vincent.

Erika Omdahl Eligiblity Worker Polk County Social Services

If you have questions on this please call me (218) 470-8455 or 218-280-3657

#### Erika Omdahl

Polk County Social Services Health Care Worker 612 N. Broadway RM: 302 Ph: 218.470.8455 F: 218.281.3926

Cc: file

AlixaRx; 6400 Pinecrest Dr., Sulte 200 Plano TX 75024

Electronic Service Requested

Please check box if address below is incorrect or insurance information has changed. Indicate change(s) on reverse side.

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BURGOZ,GREG C/O GREG BURGOZ 220 STATE STREET **CROOKSTON MN 56716-2050**  Document 8-4

Remittance/Section e 3 of 10 PageID #:

**Account Number:** 2M2043235 Invoice Number: Statement Date: Previous Balance: **Current Charges: Total Due:** 

**Amount Enclosed:** 

If paying by credit card, please visit www.alixarx.com/billpay Please include your account number on your check and use enclosed envelope to remit payment to:

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\$1,278.60

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\$0.00

01/31/2021

ALIXARX PO BOX 645331 **PITTSBURGH PA 15264-5331** 

Please detach and return above portion with your payment

enhanced patient care

AlixaRx, 6400 Pinecrest Dr., Sulte 200 Plano TX 75024

2M2043235 Account Number: Invoice Number: 00000000 Statement Date: 01/31/2021 Previous Balance: \$1,278,60 **Current Charges:** \$0.00 **Total Due:** \$1,278.60

### Important Messages

For billing inquiries or questions regarding your account, please contact us at 877-322-4292 or email us at BillingMNEA@AlixaRx.com. To make a payment by phone call our toll free number 844-461-4921.

Your account is over 90 days past due. No current charges, past due balance.

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# Medicaid Billing Guidelines

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by Trina Cuppett, CPC, CPC-H

Books/Software (https://www.aapc.com/onlinestore/) Billing for Medicaid can be tricky, as both federal and state guidelines apply. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) administers Medicaid under the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The federal guidelines always take precedence over the state guidelines, as the federal guidelines sets the minimum requirements that each state must follow. The individual states may then expand their programs as long as they do not contradict federal guidelines. Expanding a program means that an individual state may opt to add additional coverage. such as: prescription drugs, dental services and prescription eyeglasses, that is not required by the federal quidelines. While providers and facilities may choose whether to participate in the Medicaid program, those who do must comply with all applicable guidelines, including "balance billing." It's also important for providers to understand that Medicaid is considered to be the payer of last resource, meaning that if the patient has other coverages, they should be billed prior to billing Medicaid.

It goes against the Medicaid guidelines to balance bill a Medicaid patient, their family or their power of attorney for any unpaid balance once Medicaid has paid what they allow under the Medicaid fee schedule. This simply means that the provider must adjust off the leftover balance once any applicable charges for a copayment, deductible or coinsurance is met.

NOTE: A balance does not constitute, "coinsurance" due.

42 C.F.R. § 447.15 Acceptance of State payment as payment in full

A state plan must provide that the Medicaid agency must limit participation in the Medicaid program to providers who accept, as payment in full, the amounts paid by the agency plus any deductible, coinsurance or copayment required by the plan to be paid by the individual.

Basically, this means that a provider is not to bill the difference between the amount paid by the state Medicaid plan and the provider's customary charge to the patient, the patient's family or a power of attorney for the patient. Billing and coding personnel should be familiar with their state guidelines pertaining the proper procedures and requirements for billing Medicaid.

**Example:** In North Carolina the Basic Medicaid Billing Guide (April, 2010) contains a wealth of information that is not limited to billing information as it also contains items such as: The List of Standards for Office Wait Times.

### Brown, Judy

From:

Simpson, Kelly

Sent:

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:19 AM

To:

Brown, Judy

Subject:

FW: BILLING MEDICAID PATIENTS MESSAGE

Can you please write off the 2 deceased patients on the email below.

Thank you,



## **Kelly Simpson**

**Collections Supervisor** 6400 Pinecrest Drive, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024 o: 214-778-0353 m: 832-233-5883 e: Kelly.Simpson@alixarx.com

From: Hovey, Matthew <matthew.hovey@alixarx.com>

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 6:08 PM

To: Billing <billing@alixarx.com>

Subject: BILLING MEDICAID PATIENTS MESSAGE

Hello.

Voicemail are regarding the A/R group code change from Medicaid to Private pay 1. William Wright Account# 2M2035431 Still active Phone (507) 272-0649

- 2. Bertha Panyan Account#2M2037511 Passed away on 03/02/2020 Phone (715) 235-3777
- 3. Eleanore AkerInd Account#2m2027625 Passed away on 07/25/2020 Phone (701) 215-1716

Thank you,

## Matthew Hovey, CPhT

Certified Pharmacy Technician Pharmacy Billing Specialist, Minneapolis Hub 10132 W. 76th St. | Eden Prairie, MN 55344

P: 877-322-4292 | F: 855-235-9836 | E: Matthew.Hovey@alixarx.com



From: Simpson, Kelly

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:20 AM To: Brown, Judy <judy.brown@alixarx.com>

Subject: FW: BILLING MEDICAID PATIENT- CAROL KENDALL

Can you please call the POA Carol and let her know we will write off the account. Please zero the account out.

Thank you,

## **Kelly Simpson**

Collections Supervisor

6400 Pinecrest Drive, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024

o: 214-778-0353 m: 832-233-5883 e: Kelly.Simpson@alixarx.com

From: Yudeshwar, Daiane < daiane.yudeshwar@alixarx.com>

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:41 PM

To: Billing <br/>
billing@alixarx.com>

Cc: Simpson, Kelly < kelly.simpson@alixarx.com>

Subject: BILLING MEDICAID PATIENT- CAROL KENDALL

Hello.

I spoke with Carol, patient's daughter (POA) regarding the A/R group code change from Medicaid to Private pay, Patient don't have any money left in her estate. Also mention to her that I will have someone from our corporate office reach out to her regarding the invoice. (507)259-2012

CAROL A. KENDALL ACCOUNT#2M2035458 Death date:10/23/2019 Phone (507) 259-2012

Let us know if you need more info.

Thank you

### Daiane Yudeshwar

Pharmacy Billing Specialist, Minneapolis Hub

1-877-322-4292 EXT 1913

Daiane.Yudeshwar@ALIXARX.COM

From: AlixaBillingMNEA

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:19 PM To: Brown, Judy < judy.brown@alixarx.com>

Subject: BILLING MEDICAID PATIENTS MESSAGE

From: Larry and Karol Eckel [mailto:ljkeeckel@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:40 AM

To: AlixaBillingMNEA <billingmnea@alixarx.com>

Subject: Leo Eckel - Billing Inquiry

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AlixaRx:

My father just received the first bill he's received in months and it shows a past due balance. Can you help us explain it?

He shows a balance past due of \$675.47 but he is on Medicare and Medicaid and has no money. All his prescriptions should be covered under his Medicaid Medica Plan. As he is on public assistance now, he has no way to pay this bill.

The billing statement and his Medicaid prescription drug statement are attached.

Thank you for looking into this. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

For Leo Eckel

AlixaRx Number: 2M-203-5443

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10132 W. 76th St. | Eden Prairie, MN 55344 P: 877-322-4292 | F: 855-235-9836 | E: Matthew.Hovey@alixarx.com

From: Hovey, Matthew

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 4:28 PM To: Brown, Judy < judy.brown@alixarx.com>

Subject: BILLING MEDICAID PATIENTS MESSAGES

Hello,

We have some messages that were left on our voicemail are regarding the A/R group code change from Medicaid to Private pay.

- 1. ERNEST GUDVANGEN ACCOUNT#2M2027665 Death date:12/16/2020 Phone (218) 349-4566
- JUANITA WINGER ACCOUNT#2M2032611 STILL ACTIVE Phone (218) 281-5684
- EDWARD CURRIE ACCOUNT#2M2044302 Death date:11/12/2019 Phone (218) 281-1491

Let us know if you need more info.

Thank you

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MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS (MHCP)

# Advance Member Notice of Noncovered Prescription

MHCP does not pay for everything, even some prescriptions that you or your health care provider has good reason to think you need. MHCP does not pay for the noncovered prescription listed below. Your health care provider is allowed to charge you, and you will have to pay if you choose to get the prescription. Also, you are not allowed to pay for a controlled substance, or gabapentin, unless you get written approval from your prescriber on this form. Before signing this form:

- · Read the whole notice, including the instructions, so you can make an informed choice about your care
- Ask your health care provider or pharmacist any questions you have after you finish reading

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# Advance Member Notice of Noncovered Prescription Instructions Pharmacist

Use NDC Search to find out whether a prescription is covered or requires authorization.

If —	Then —
If a prescription is a covered drug but requires authorization	Then request authorization through the MHCP Prescription Drug PA Agent. If the authorization is denied, you may bill the member. To do that, read the information below this table and complete the form.
If a prescription does not require authorization	Then bill MHCP. If MHCP denies payment for a reason other than a billing error, you may bill the member. To do that, read the information below this table and complete the form.
If a prescription is for a drug that is never a covered drug	Then you may bill the member. To do that, read the information below this table and complete the form.

Accept payment from a member for a noncovered prescription only when all the following apply:

- The member is **not enrolled** in the restricted recipient program.
- You reviewed with the member the reason(s) the prescription is not covered and available covered alternatives.
- · You obtained the member's signature on this form.
- If the member wants to pay for a noncovered prescription for a controlled substance or gabapentin, the prescriber has signed the form certifying that you should be allowed to charge the member for the prescription.

If a member has other insurance but the other insurance requires authorization for the prescription, you must request authorization and seek payment from the other insurance.

If the prescriber has not signed this form, do not accept payment from the member, or from someone paying on behalf of the member, for any controlled substance or gabapentin.

#### Member

You are asking for a drug or item that MHCP does not cover or you do not meet the criteria for. The pharmacist tried getting approval or payment for the drug or item. The pharmacist has to tell you why MHCP does not cover the drug or item. The pharmacist also has to tell you about other drugs or items that MHCP covers. If you still want the noncovered drug or item, sign the form. You are responsible for paying the pharmacy for the drug or item.

If the noncovered prescription is for a controlled substance, or gabapentin, your prescriber must certify that the pharmacy should be allowed to charge you for the prescription.

If you have questions about this form, or if the provider should have asked you to sign this form but did not, call the MHCP Member Help Desk at 651-431-2670 or 800-657-3739.

If you believe your prescription should have been covered by MHCP and you were billed by the provider in error, you have the right to appeal.

#### Prescriber

You are asking that the pharmacy be allowed to charge a member for a controlled substance, or gabapentin, that you prescribed. You are also certifying all the following:

- You are an enrolled MHCP provider and you have prescribed the noncovered prescription.
- You have attempted to request prior authorization for the prescription to be covered if a prior authorization is required or you
  have attempted to request prior authorization if the dose you prescribed exceeds what MHCP will cover.
- · The covered alternatives are not options for the member.
- · You are aware of the member's treatment regimen, including the last time this prescription was filled.
- The pharmacy should be allowed to charge the member for the noncovered prescription on this date of service because it is medically necessary.

If you certify that all the criteria above are met and you are asking that the pharmacy be allowed to charge a member for a controlled substance, or gabapentin, that you prescribed, then note your approval on the front of this form, sign and date the form, and send a signed copy to the pharmacy for its records. You must also save a copy of the form, or document the approval, in the member's medical record.